

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(Previously Presented)** Wax filter manipulator for extraction of a used wax filter and for insertion of a new filter in a hearing aid, whereby the manipulator comprises a gripping part to be gripped and held by a user and has a first tool part extending from the gripping part for initially holding a new filter and subsequently releasing the filter in the sound outlet tube or vent opening, wherein a second tool part is arranged adjacent to the first tool part and adapted to receive and hold a used filter in order to extract the filter from the vent or sound outlet opening of a hearing aid, and wherein the two tool parts are arranged side-by-side along one and the same edge part of the gripping part.

2. **(Canceled).**

3. **(Previously Presented)** Filter manipulator as claimed in claim 1 where the second tool part comprise a protruding part extending from an edge portion of the gripping part, and where the protruding part has an outwardly extending flange portion at its outer end.

4. **(Previously Presented)** Filter manipulator as claimed in claim 3 where the outwardly extending flange portion has a surface facing the edge portion of the gripping part and where said surface extends essentially perpendicular to the length axis of the protruding part.

5. **(Previously Presented)** Filter manipulator as claimed in claim 3, where the protruding part in the direction of the length axis thereof is

sectioned into two or more independent sections with slots of free space between the sections.

6. **(Previously Presented)** Filter manipulator as claimed in claim 1, where the second tool comprises blade parts having first and second opposed blade parts for gripping and holding a filter at the external circumference thereof.

7. **(Previously Presented)** Filter manipulator as claimed in claim 6, where the blade parts are arranged to extend along the surface of the edge portion of the gripping part but distanced from said edge portion.

8.-10. **(Cancel)**

11. **(Previously Presented)** Holder for a number of filter manipulators , whereby the manipulator comprises a gripping part to be gripped and held by a user and has a first tool part extending from the gripping part for initially holding a new wax filter and subsequently releasing the filter in a sound outlet tube or vent opening, wherein a second tool part is arranged adjacent to the first tool part and adapted to receive and hold a used wax filter in order to extract the filter from the vent or sound outlet opening of a hearing aid where the two tool parts are arranged side-by-side along one and the same edge part of the gripping part, whereby the holder has a number of open pockets each shaped to accommodate one manipulator such that the gripping part of the manipulator is accessible for gripping by the fingers of a user and such

that the edge part of each manipulator with two tools extending therefrom is accommodated within the pocket.

12. **(Previously Presented)** Holder as claimed in claim 11, whereby each pocket has engagement means for releasable engagement with a filter manipulator.

13. **(Previously Presented)** Holder as claimed in claim 11, whereby the holder has a center part with the pockets arranged to extend radially away from said center part.

14. **(Previously Presented)** Holder as claimed in claim 13, whereby the pockets are arranged flat in one and the same plane.

15. **(Previously Presented)** System comprising a filter manipulator and a holder for a filter manipulator, whereby the manipulator has a first tool part for initially holding and subsequently releasing a new filter in the sound outlet tube, vent opening or sound passage of a hearing aid and a second tool part adapted to receive and hold a used filter where the manipulator further comprises a gripping part to be gripped and held by a person and where the first and second tool parts are arranged side-by-side along one and the same edge part of the gripping part, whereby the holder for the manipulator comprises at least one pocket for accommodating at least the two tool parts.

16. **(Previously Presented)** System as claimed in claim 15, whereby a snap lock mechanism is provided between the holder and the filter manipulator for releasable engagement between the two.

17. **(Previously Presented)** System as claimed in claim 16, whereby the snap lock mechanism comprises a U-shaped cut out in the manipulator with a first and a second leg, and a protruding part inside the pocket , whereby the legs of the U-shaped cut-out of the manipulator are shaped to embrace the protruding part in interlocking engagement when the manipulator is inserted into the pocket.

18. **(Previously Presented)** System as claimed in claim 17, whereby the U-shaped cut-out is arranged between the two tool parts of the manipulator , and such that the first and second leg of the U-shaped cut-out carry the first and second tool part respectively.

19. **(Previously Presented)** System as claimed in claim 15, where the filter manipulator and the pocket are shaped in asymmetric fashion, such that the manipulator can only be inserted in the pocket when oriented in one way with respect to the holder.

20. **(Previously Presented)** System as claimed in claim 15, where the pocket has material parts or shoulders which narrowly surrounds the second tool part of the manipulator when the manipulator is clicked in place in the pocket in order that the manipulator cannot be inserted into the pocket of the holder once a used filter is held at the second tool part.

21. **(Previously Presented)** System as claimed in claim 17, whereby the U-shaped cut-out is slightly off-set to one side to make one of the legs of the U-shaped cut out bigger than the other leg, and that the

corresponding protruding part in the pocket is similarly off set to thereby assure the asymmetric shape of the manipulator and pocket .